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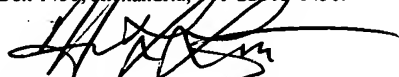
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed January 12, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on April 12, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time for the filing of this response is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper